

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS  
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015

**PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**I. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

The regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey in the Monmouth Conference Room, 7<sup>th</sup> floor on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 9:45 A.M. Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Board Chair, opened the meeting by reading the following opening statement:

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and the Courier Post.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Chair  
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D., Vice-Chair  
Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D., Secretary  
Joanne Van Nest, Ph.D.  
Francesca Peckman, Psy.D.

Also Attending:

Carmen A. Rodrigues, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to the Board  
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director  
Wanda Ginn, Administrative Staff  
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff  
Alan Vallee, Intern

**III. REVIEW OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Van Nest and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to approve the public session minutes of November 3, 2014 and December 1, 2014, with corrections. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Walker informed the board that it would be a prudent time to discuss the webinar offered by the New Jersey Psychologists Association (NJPA). The Board approved of the webinar in general, minus the advertisement for Dr. James Wulach and the issue of the price currently offered, as having a different price for in-state and out of state attendees is discriminatory under current regulations. In addition, there would need to be some method of certifying completion, possibly an affidavit or some other method. Discussion by the Board including the representative from the NJPA ended with the representative stating that he will contact the Executive Director with more information on pricing and completion certification.

**V. REPORT ON JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATIONS**

*Upon unanimous vote of all the members present, the Board went into executive session for discussion of the jurisprudence examinations. The Board returned to open session.*

**LICENSED BY EXAMINATION**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Van Nest and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the following candidates qualified for licensure. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**February 24, 2015 9:30 A.M. Jurisprudence Examination**

*Jyothsna Bhat, Psy.D.  
Kim Busichio, Ph.D.  
Lonnie Sarnell, Psy.D.  
Antoinette Tate, Ph.D.*

*Jennifer Jee-Roytman, Psy.D.  
Ricardo Martinez, Ph.D.  
Stephanie Rabin Scherr, Ph.D.*

**February 24, 2015 1:30 P.M. Jurisprudence Examination**

*Atar Hiller, Psy.D.*  
*Talya Schmidt, Ph.D.*

*Rachel Safran, Ph.D.*  
*Suzette Sularski, Psy.D.*

**VI. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY PERMIT**

*The following candidates were unanimously approved for the three-year temporary permit for the **supervised** practice of psychology:*

*Lyndsi Silberman, Psy.D.*  
*Rebecca Eliason, Psy.D.*  
*Robyn Koslowitz, Ph.D.*  
*Rachel Reed, Ph.D.*

*Bonnie Gordic, Psy.D.*  
*Schenike Massie, Ph.D.*  
*Ashley Kipness, Psy.D.*  
*Debora Buzinkai, Psy.D.*

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Letter from Corrinne M. Kalafut, Psy.D., TP#123-038**

The Board reviewed Dr. Kalafut's correspondence regarding the extension of her permit. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to extend Dr. Kalafut's permit for one year. Voting in favor: all.*

**B. Letter from Lisa Yannucci, Ph.D.**

The Board reviewed Dr. Yannucci's letter regarding the acceptance of post-doctoral hours documented in New York. *Upon motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to accept Dr. Yannucci's post-doctoral hours. Voting in favor: all.*

**C. Submission of pre-doctoral hours for Jordan S. Levy, Ph.D.**

The Board reviewed Dr. Levy's submission of his hours under supervision because of disciplinary action against Dr. Levy's supervisor by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. *Upon motion by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to approve Dr. Levy's supervised hours. Voting in favor: All.*

**D. Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards**

The Board reviewed the information provided regarding the Psychological Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT). *The board accepted this as informational. Voting in favor: All.*

**E. Resignation letter from Joanne R. Van Nest, Ph.D.**

The Board reviewed Dr. Van Nest's letter concerning her resignation from the State Board of Psychological Examiners effective after today's meeting. *The Board accepted her resignation with regret.*

**F. Nora A. Pellegrino, Psy.D. TP #123-068**

The Board reviewed a letter from Dr. Pellegrino informing the Board of the death of her Supervisor, Russell Korman, Ph.D. before he was able to submit verification of her supervised hours. She submitted a form and credentials from Doreen DiDomenico, Ph.D. who was able to verify the supervision. *Upon motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to accept Dr. Pellegrino's supervised hours as verified by Dr. DiDominico. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**G. Daniel Cassell, Ph.D. - applicant**

The Board reviewed documentation from Bettina Shapira, Ph.D. Assistant Dean of the School of Psychology of Northcentral University indicating that the Ph.D. awarded Dr. Cassell in 2012 did not include courses requiring personal attendance other than internship. Dr. Cassell's matriculation began prior to September 19, 2011. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to deny Dr. Cassell's application for licensure pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42:2.1(d). Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**VIII. REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES**

**A. Susan Blackwell-Nehling, Psy.D., TP#123-023/Edward Dougherty, Ed.D., supervisor**

Dr. Blackwell-Nehling was seen by a committee of the Board to discuss her plan for taking the E.P.P.P. examination. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to extend Dr. Blackwell-Nehling's permit by 6 months with no change in case load. Voting in favor: All.*

**B. Senya Mahler, PhD./William King, Ph.D., supervisor**

Dr. Mahler was seen by a committee of the Board to discuss his plan for taking the E.P.P.P. examination. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to extend Dr. Mahler's permit for six months from its expiration in May with no change in case load. Voting in favor: All*

**IX. PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

*No disciplinary actions to report.*

**X. REVIEW OF LEGISLATION**

**A. Assembly, No. 210** - Establishes Assembly Task Force on Addiction and Behavioral

Health.

*Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to accept this legislation as informational. Voting in favor: all*

## **XI. REVIEW OF EXEMPT NOTICE FORMS (RENEWAL)**

### **A. JFK Medical Center-Johnson Rehabilitation Institute/Keith Cicerone, Ph.D**

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Dr. Keith Cicerone.

*After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board determined that **JFK Medical Center-Johnson Rehabilitation** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Cicerone will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

### **B. Youth Development Clinic/Pat Connors, M.D.**

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Dr. Pat Connors.

*After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board determined that **Youth Development Clinic** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Connors will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

### **C. Bancroft Neurohealth/Jennifer DeLuca, B.A.**

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Ms. Jennifer DeLuca.

*After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board determined that **Bancroft Neurohealth** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Ms. DeLuca will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

### **D. Dorothy B. Hersh; Regional Diagnostic Treatment Center-St. Peter's University/ Michelle Zuckerman, Psy.D.**

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Dr. Michelle Zuckerman.

*After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board*

*determined that **Dorothy B. Hersh; Regional Diagnostic Treatment Center-St. Peter's University** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Zuckerman will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**E. Preferred Behavioral Health Group / Lanette Rozier**

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Ms. Lanette Rozier. After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board determined that **Preferred Behavioral Health Group** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Ms. Rozier will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**F. NewBridge Services, Inc. / Michelle Borden, LCSW**

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Ms. Michelle Boren. After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board determined that **NewBridge Services, Inc.** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Ms. Borden will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**G. West Bergen Mental Healthcare / Michael J. Tozzoli, MSW, LCSW**

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Mr. Michael J. Tozzoli. After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board determined that **West Bergen Mental Healthcare** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Mr. Tozzoli will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**H. Trinitas Regional Medical Center / Rodger Goddard, Ph.D**

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Dr. Rodger Goddard. After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board determined that **Trinitas Regional Medical Center** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Goddard will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required*

*to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**I. Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center / Donna Pincavage**

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Ms. Donna Pincavage.

*After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board determined that **Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Ms. Pincavage will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**J. Center for Evaluation and Counseling, Inc. / Margaret Pittaluga, MSW**

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Ms. Margaret Pittaluga.

*After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board determined that **Center for Evaluation and Counseling, Inc.** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Ms. Pittaluga will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**K. Youth Consultation Service / Diane Squadron, Psy.D.**

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Dr. Diane Squadron.

*After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board determined that **Youth Consultation Service** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Squadron will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**L. Jersey City Medical Center; Barnabas Health / Linda Sacco, Ph.D.**

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Dr. Linda Sacco.

*After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board determined that **Jersey City Medical Center; Barnabas Health** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Dr. Sacco will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**XII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**A. Dennis Finger, Ed.D., New Jersey Psychological Association (NJPA)**

*Dr. Finger asked the Board if they were moving to take action on the webinar to be offered and asked how the NJPA could get information on PSYPACT, to which the Board replied that they were waiting on more information from his organization and to check with ASPBB, respectively. See more information concerning the webinar in the Executive Director's report.*

**XIII. MEETING DATES FOR 2015**

May 4, 2015  
June 8, 2015  
July 6, 2015  
August 10, 2015  
September 14, 2015  
October 5, 2015  
November 2, 2015  
December 7, 2015

**XIV. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board moved to Executive Session at 10:13 a.m. to discuss consumer complaints and potential disciplinary actions. Voting in favor all.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Dr. Friedman, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to return to Public Session. The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m. Voting in favor: all.